

ELECTRICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
June 29, 2004

Office of Housing, Buildings & Construction
Electrical Section
101 Sea Hero Road, Suite 100
Frankfort KY 40601-5405

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Chis Pace.
Mr. Norman Gene Holthouser
Mr. Jan L. Howard
Mr. Michael T. Leake
Ms. Mary A. Malone
Mr. Jonathan Jay Moore
Mr. Donald I. Shelton
Mr. Jerry M. Shouse

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. James Michael Archer
Mr. James E. Strange, Jr.
Mr. Gary D. Osborne

OFFICE OF HOUSING STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Van Cook, Executive Director
Mr. Tommy Barnes, Assistant Executive Director
Mr. Albert S. Mitchell, State Fire Marshal
Mr. Frank Dempsey, General Counsel
Mr. Mike Bennett, Staff Attorney
Mr. Billy Perkins, Chief Electrical Inspector
Ms. Robin McQueary, Secretary Electrical Section

VISITORS PRESENT

Mr. Mark Dacci, Dacci Electric Inc.
Mr. Fred Almgen
Mr. Mike Enzweiler, Education Director, Home Builders Association of Northern Kentucky
Mr. John Schoenfeld, Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Electrical Association
Mr. Mel Trivett, Electrical Inspector, Franklin County Electrical
Mr. Randy Wittu, M & L Technical
Mr. Robert Matthews, Electrical Inspector, City of Franklin
Mr. Joe Booker, IEC Louisville
Mr. Doug Vernon, KBFAA
Mr. Troy Crawford, Metro-Louisville

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Jan Howard made a motion to call the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Jonathan Moore seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried and meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.**

Jan Howard made a motion for Chris Pace to be Acting Chairman, Jonathan Moore seconded the motion. All in favor. **Motion carried and Chris Pace is Acting Chairman.**

Mary Malone made a motion to start the meeting. Jan Howard seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried started the meeting at 9:15.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jan Howard made motion to approve May 2, 2004 minutes. Mike Shouse seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to approve the May 2, 2004 minutes.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & GENERAL COUNSEL

Mr. Mark Dacci with Dacci Electric was present with the homeowner Mr. Fred Almgren. Mr. Sandy Jones was not present at the meeting. Mr. Dacci and Mr. Almgren explained the situation as to why they were coming before the board. Mr. Dacci and Mr. Jones could not work out an agreement between them, so Mr. Dacci came back to the board.

Mr. Frank Dempsey, General Counsel explained to Mr. Dacci that one (1) inspector can not overrule another. Mr. Dempsey explained to the Board they have the authority to interpret the code but they do not have the authority to ask an inspector to sign the certificate of compliance.

Mike Shouse asked Billy Perkins if he would accept the pictures & the Meg test the homeowner took as proof the swimming pool bonding was done correctly. Mr. Perkins said yes for verification if there was someone qualified to run the test and sign off on it. Frank Dempsey asked if anything in the NEC explains what an inspection consists of. Ms. Mary Malone said no not in black and white. Chris Pace asked Mr. Dempsey if this board agrees that the grounding is proper what do we do. Mr. Dempsey stated that an inspector could rely on visual. Mary Malone read 90.4 "This *Code* is intended to be suitable for mandatory application by governmental bodies that exercise legal jurisdiction over electrical installations, including signaling and communications systems, and for use by insurance inspectors. The authority having jurisdiction for enforcement of the *Code* has the responsibility for making interpretations of the rules, for deciding on the approval of equipment and materials, and for granting the special permission contemplated in a number of rules. By special permission, the authority having jurisdiction may waive specific requirements in this *Code* or permit alternative methods where it is assured that equivalent objectives can be achieved by establishing and maintaining effective safety. This *Code* may require new products, constructions, or materials that may not yet be available at the time the *Code* is adopted. In such event, the authority having jurisdiction may permit the use of products, constructions, or materials that comply with the most recent previous edition of this *Code* adopted by the jurisdiction." out of the NEC Code book. Mr. Leake stated that visual qualifies as a performance evaluation; I think performance is better than visual.

Jonathan Moore made a motion to accept the following findings: The Swimming Pool bonding in question in the Dacci Electric/Higbee Mill Road is acceptable to the Electric Advisory Committee as properly bonded. Jan Howard seconded. Mary Malone opposed motion. Majority got the motion. **Motion carried to approve The Swimming Pool bonding in Question in the Dacci Electric/Higbee Mill Road is acceptable to the Electric Advisory Committee as properly bonded.**

NEW BUSINESS

Albert S. Mitchell showed the board what the new license will look like with a picture on the license.

Frank Dempsey explained to the board that a draft of the Low Voltage is in the Secretary's office now and then it will go to the Governor's office for his signature and then had to be filed with LRC.

Mike Bennett passed out an update on electrical licensing reciprocity with states contiguous to Kentucky. Albert S Mitchell, State Fire Marshall is going to have a meeting with West Virginia State Fire Marshal so they can collaborate.

Chris Pace asked if the licensing section is sending any renewals out. Mr. Mitchell said we are targeting them for 60 days before they expire. Mike Bennett said that the licensing staff is processing renewals at the end of June 2004 now. We are not sending out renewals on pending licenses. Frank Dempsey stated that if they do not have their information in by July 15, 2004 they will not be licensed. Low voltage is required to have certification and is suppose to go into effect July 12, 2004. Albert Mitchell said you have to test to get a low voltage certification and there will not be any grandfathering.

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDERS

1. Home Builders Association of Northern Kentucky

Mike Enzweiler is representing Home Builders. He explained that they require 144 hours a year. Jonathan Moore made a motion to accept Home Builders as a provider. Donald Shelton seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to accept Home Builders as a provider.**

2. Greater Cincinnati Electrical Association

John Schoenfeld is representing Greater Cincinnati. Mr. Schoenfeld will be having classes for all 3 classifications Contractors/Masters/Electricians. Jan Howard made motion to accept Greater Cincinnati as a continuing education provider. Norman Gene Holthouser seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to accept Greater Cincinnati Electrical Association as a continuing education provider for Contractor, Masters and Electrician.**

3. Gateway Community & Technical College

No one is representing Gateway. Mr. Leake stated they are teaching safety 2 hours and 2 hours code. Frank Dempsey said they need to distinguish between the two. Frank Dempsey said that Gateway is with KCTCS and we need a onetime approval for them to be providers. Chris Pace said someone needs to do a letter to KCTCS. Ms. Mary Malone and Jan Howard tired to get in touch with someone of authority so they could accept KCTCS as a whole and could not reach anyone. Jonathan Moore said we need to table this discussion and work with KCTCS. Mike Shouse seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to table discussion with KCTCS.**

Ms. Mary Malone asked for a break. Mike Shouse seconded at 10:20.
Donald Shelton asked to reconvene at 10:30

4. Joshua Matthews

Robert Matthews is representing Joshua Matthews. He explained that Joshua Matthews is going for Contractors continuing education. Jonathan Moore made a motion to accept Joshua Matthews. Jan Howard seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to accept Joshua Matthews as a continuing education provider for contractors.**

5. Larry Blaylock

No one is representing Larry Blaylock. Mary Malone and Billy Perkins recommended Mr. Blaylock. Norman Gene Holthouser made a motion to accept Larry Blaylock. Mike Shouse seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to accept Larry Blaylock as a continuing education provider for masters and electrician.**

6. Elizabethtown Community & Technical College

No one is representing Elizabethtown Community & Technical College. Jonathan Moore made a motion to table all KCTCS. Mike Shouse seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to table all KCTCS schools.**

7. Jackson County Continuing Education

No one is representing Jackson County. Jonathan Moore made a motion that there is not a clear understanding of what they are going to teach and for which classification. Jan Howard seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to deny Jackson County Continuing Education of becoming a continuing education provider until there is more understanding.**

8. East Kentucky Association of Electricians

No one is representing East Kentucky Association. East Kentucky Association is already approved for masters and electrician. Jonathan Moore stated there is a lack of information, they need a syllabus and what are they going to teach. Jonathan Moore made a motion to deny due to lack of information. Jan Howard seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to deny East Kentucky Association of Electricians for contractor's continuing education provider due to lack of information and no web/internet classes.**

9. Morris Brothers Training

No one is representing Morris Brothers Training. Morris Brothers continuing education for Electricians/Contractors. Chris Pace stated there is not any NEC classes. Jonathan Moore made a motion to deny Morris Brothers for lack of information. Jan Howard seconded. **Motion carried to deny Morris Brothers Training for electricians/contractors continuing education provider due to lack of information.**

10. Michael V. Moore

No one is representing Michael V. Moore. Mary Malone made a motion to deny due to lack of information. Mike Shouse seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to deny Michael V. Moore for contractor continuing education provider due to lack of information.**

11. Logan Aluminum

No one is representing Logan Aluminum. Jonathan Moore made a motion to deny Logan Aluminum for lack of information. Mike Shouse seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to deny Logan Aluminum for masters and electricians continuing education due to lack of information.**

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR REVIEW

1. Ralph Jones

No one is representing Ralph Jones. Mr. Jones is requesting to upgrade from a 2a electrical family one & two family inspector to a 2B electrical general inspector. Mary Malone says that he has 5 years of experience. Jan Howard made a motion to upgrade Ralph Jones. Mr. Mike Shouse seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to upgrade Ralph Jones to 2B electrical general inspector.**

2. Richard Carroll

No one is representing Richard Carroll. Mary Malone worked with him for several years and he is competent. Mary Malone made a motion to accept Richard Carroll as a 2B electrical inspector pending Mr. Carroll passes the test. Jonathan Moore seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to accept Richard Carroll as a 2B electrical general inspector pending him passing the test.**

3. Donald W. Pike

Troy Crawford is representing Donald Pike. Mr. Crawford said he has been riding around with another inspector and is very competent. Donald Shelton made a motion to accept Donald Pike as a 2B electrical inspector. Mike Shouse seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to accept Donald W. Pike as a 2B electrical general inspector.**

4. Keith O. Hampton

Troy Crawford is representing Keith O. Hampton. Mr. Crawford said he has been riding around with another inspector and is very competent. Jonathan Moore made a motion to accept Keith O. Hampton as a 2B electrical inspector. Donald Shelton seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried to accept Keith O. Hampton as a 2B electrical general inspector.**

5. Robert Cantrell

He called Robin McQueary and said that he does not want to be an inspector. No action taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. West Virginia's Electrical Testing

Albert S. Mitchell, State Fire Marshall is going to meet with West Virginia State Fire Marshall.

2. Inactive Electrical Inspectors

Troy Crawford, City of Louisville explained that his inspectors for the City of Louisville have their Contractors and Masters licenses but they are inactive and he is requesting that the board waive or reduce the inactive fee. Frank Dempsey said that we would have to amend the regulation. Mr. Van Cook, Executive Director asked if we could waive or reduce fees for only the municipalities. Chris Pace explained that it is not required for inspectors to have a contractors or masters license. There was discussion on the subject between the committee members. Frank Dempsey is going to work on some wording to amend the regulation and bring it to the next meeting.

3. Licensing – Renewal & Hardin County

There is an e-mail from Chris Pace with some questions from an IEC employee.

1. Reduce fees for inactive license. We have already reduced fees for renewal.
2. Asked our electrical licensing to check for glitches in the system on renewals. Mike Bennett said they would
3. Indiana – we are working on it.
4. Hardin County Inspector giving letters to people who have not worked in that city of county. There will be an investigation by, Billy Perkins and Frank Dempsey.

Jonathan Moore stated that his term expires on July 15, 2004. Chris Pace explained that until someone replaces him that he still needs to come to meetings.

The next scheduled Committee meeting is Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at 9:00 am. The committee will start meeting every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Jonathan Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Shouse seconded. **Meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.**